How does Federal Court work? Most lawyers work in the state Courts which are often closer to home. The Federal Courts seem to be a bit removed, with their defined statues and procedural rules. This course is designed to give the general practitioner an understanding of the differences between State and Federal Courts and make Federal Court more accessible.

This course will familiarize practitioners with Federal Court and its practice—both local and national. It has been developed by members of the Court, legal scholars, and leading practitioners with an eye to opening the Federal Court to the broader legal community.

The course is co-sponsored by Minnesota's Federal Bar Association and its United States District Court.

Together we hope to ease your way into Federal Court allowing you to broaden your access to the Nation's courts.

James M. Rosenhaum Chief Judge United States District Court District of Minnesota

# **Faculty**

## **Judges**

Judge Donald Lay, Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals Chief Judge James Rosenbaum, District of Minnesota Judge John Tunheim, District of Minnesota Judge Ann Montgomery, District of Minnesota Judge Donovan Frank, District of Minnesota Magistrate Judge Noel, District of Minnesota Magistrate Judge Boylan, District of Minnesota Magistrate Judge Nelson, District of Minnesota

#### **Law Professors**

Tom Berg, University of St. Thomas Doug MacFarland, Hamline University Chip Murphy, William Mitchell Adam Samaha, University of Minnesota Eric Tostrud, William Mitchell

#### **Practitioners**

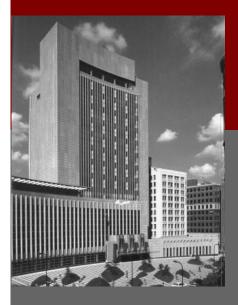
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David Hashmall, Felhaber and Larson
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## Introduction

The Federal Practice Committee of the United States District Court has developed a federal practice course designed to demystify federal litigation. The course is aimed at new lawyers as well as experienced practitioners who may have only an occasional opportunity to appear in federal court.

The course is structured more like a law school class than a conventional CLE. The course content blends the substance of a law school class with practical information useful to the practitioner. The course will meet over a period of six weeks, for 2 hours per week. The class will be taught by a combination of federal



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judges, law professors, and experienced federal practitioners. There will be required readings and class participation.

Class times will be from 11:00 a.m. —1:00 p.m. Sessions will be held in the Minneapolis U.S. District Courthouse. Participants may bring a bag lunch or purchase lunch from the Federal Café. The first hour of class will consist of classroom discussion. The second hour will include "hands on" advice from federal judges in a small group setting and lively discussion among faculty and participants.

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## **Course Schedule**

Federalism

April 9, Wednesday

The Intersection of Law and History State and Federal Sovereignty

Honorable Donald Lay, Eight Circuit Court of Appeals Professor Adam Samaha, University of Minnesota Kevin Ross, Greene Espel Ned Wahl, Faegre and Benson

#### Jurisdiction

April 16, Wednesday

Federal Question Jurisdiction Diversity Jurisdiction Supplemental Jurisdiction Removal Jurisdiction

Honorable Donovan Frank, District of Minnesota Professor Doug MacFarland, Hamline University Jeff Keyes, Briggs and Morgan

#### **How Federal Courts Differ**

April 23, Wednesday

The Role of District Judges and Magistrate Judges Distinctive Sources of Federal Law

Magistrate Judge Noel, Magistrate Judge Boylan, and Magistrate Judge Nelson, District of Minnesota Cliff Greene, Greene Espel Mark Hallberg, MacKenzie and Hallberg Marc Al, Lindquist and Vennum

#### **Pleading Your Case**

April 30, Wednesday

Pleadings, Motions and Venue

Honorable Ann Montgomery, District of Minnesota Professor Chip Murphy, William Mitchell Bill Greene, Leonard, Street and Deinard David Hashmall, Felhaber and Larson

#### What Laws Applies

May 7, Wednesday

The Erie Doctrine Choice of Law Issues Federal Common Law

Honorable John Tunheim, District of Minnesota Professor Tom Berg, University of St. Thomas Barbara Berens. Kelly and Berens

#### **Peculiar Federalilites**

May 14, Wednesday

A Potpourri of Matters Peculiar to Federal Court

Honorable James Rosenbaum, Chief Judge District of Minnesota Professor Eric Tostrud, William Mitchell Jan Symchych. Dorsey and Whitney Joan Humes, United States Attorney's Office

# **Registration Information**

Class size will be limited to just 20 participants to allow for ample personal attention. Participants should send the registration fee of \$600.00 along with the registration form to the U.S. District Court.. Forms may be found on the U.S. District Court website at www.mnd.uscourts.gov.

# **Continuing Legal Education**

12 hours of hours have been applied for with the Minnesota Legal Education and Wisconsin Legal Education Boards.

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